

year 1995 under the Parental Assistance Program (60 FR 27836-54). The Parental Assistance Program is authorized by Title IV of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (Pub. L. 103-227) (20 U.S.C. 5801 *et seq.*). In that notice, the Secretary noted that under the statutory provisions, nonprofit organizations, and nonprofit organizations in consortia with local educational agencies (LEAs), are eligible to apply for grants.

A number of potential applicants have contacted the U.S. Department of Education for clarification concerning the meaning of a nonprofit organization. The Education Department General Administrative Regulations at 34 CFR 77.1 define a nonprofit organization as one that is “\* \* \* owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations whose net earnings do not benefit, and cannot lawfully benefit, any private shareholder or entity.”

Specific questions have been raised concerning whether an institution of higher education (IHE) could qualify as a grantee. An IHE itself is not eligible to apply for a grant. However, a nonprofit foundation, or other entity established by an IHE and that meets the definition of “nonprofit” in 34 CFR 77.1 is eligible to apply as long as it meets the other application requirements in section 402(a) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Gore, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Portals Building, Room 4000, Washington, D.C. 20202-6135. Telephone: (202) 401-0039. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time.

Dated: June 20, 1995.

**Thomas W. Payzant,**

*Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board's Committee on Research and Development Centers. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the

Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATE AND TIME:** July 18, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Capitol Room, Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Christensen, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2065; FAX: (202) 219-1466.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting of the Committee on the Research and Development Centers is open to the public. The agenda for the July 18, 1995 meeting provides for the review and comment by the Committee on the final notice of priorities for the National Research and Development Centers competition.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: June 21, 1995.

**Sharon P. Robinson,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement.*

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### Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 1993, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of Bessie Reece, Petitioner v. Missouri Bureau for the Blind, Division of Family Services, Respondent, Case No. R-S/92-

5. This panel was convened by the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Education pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-2, upon receipt of a complaint filed by petitioner Bessie Reece.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decision may be obtained from George F. Arsnow, U. S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3230, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-9317. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c)), the Secretary publishes a synopsis of arbitration panel decisions affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal property.

### Background

Bessie Reece, complainant, is a blind vendor licensed by the State of Missouri, Division of Family Services, which is the State licensing agency (SLA) under the Randolph-Sheppard Act. Ms. Reece began operating vending facility no. 84 at the Federal Court and Customs House in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1981.

The Division of Family Services terminated Ms. Reece's Level II license because she was unable to keep the cost of goods to be sold under 72% of net sales and generate a 19% profit on net sales in any of the years she operated the facility. Under State regulatory provisions, 13 CSR 40-91.010(11), each facility manager is required to maintain a minimum level of net profits from sales of 19% for a Level II facility. The State regulations require that the maximum percentage of the cost of goods to be sold shall not exceed 72% of net sales for a Level II facility. For the entire year of 1991, complainant's cost of goods to be sold averaged 92.6% of net sales and her profit on net sales was 5.7%.

Ms. Reece had problems filing her monthly statements with the SLA and received delinquency notices in January, February, March, April, May, and June of 1991. She received her termination notice in July of 1991, although she was not removed until January 4, 1992. The SLA pointed out to Ms. Reece that her failure to meet the minimum level of net profits resulted in a loss of revenue for the blind employee program, requiring the blind vendors in other locations to pay her share for management and to carry the cost of her benefits.

Ms. Reece complained of poor inventory when she took over the

facility and stated that she was not credited for inventory that had to be destroyed. Ms. Reece stated that her starting inventory was substantially less than it should have been and that she did not receive an inventory report from the SLA until one year later. Complainant also stated that there was a problem with theft. She testified that these circumstances contributed to her inability to generate a profit. The Division of Family Services stated that it attempted to assist the complainant in improving the operation of her facility by making personnel available to assist in correcting her problems. The SLA provided an electric cash register to help her maintain better records of her cash flow.

Ms. Reece sought the reinstatement of her license, lost earnings in the amount of \$8,000, as well as reimbursement of attorney's fees. Complainant also sought to be reinstated at vending facility no. 84 at the Federal Court and Customs House. Complainant believed that, since the facility had been renovated and a security camera had been installed, she could operate the facility within the cost guidelines established by the SLA.

#### Arbitration Panel Decision

The panel found that Ms. Reece did not, in the 10 years that she operated the vending facility, achieve the set guidelines of 72% of net sales for the cost of goods to be sold and the 19% profit margin as required under 13 CSR 40-91.010(11). Her cost of goods to be sold exceeded 103% on several occasions and averaged in the 90 percent range. Her profit margin was never more than 5% or 6%, but most of the time that profit margin was less than 1% or a negative profit.

There was evidence that the SLA attempted to assist the vendor on several occasions in cutting her cost of goods sold and improving her margin of profit. The panel found that the SLA had just cause to terminate Ms. Reece's vendor's license. The panel suggested to the SLA that the vendor be permitted to apply for rehabilitation services and, upon completion of those services, that her bid be considered on a Level I facility when it becomes available.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U. S. Department of Education.

Dated: June 13, 1995.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Financial Assistance: County of Lake, Special Districts Administration, Lakeport, CA

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, announces that pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules 10 CFR 600.7, it intends to award a renewal for Grant Number DE-FG07-93HD13257 to the County of Lake, Lakeport, California. The objective of the work to be performed under this grant is to provide funds to continue design, engineering, and construction oversight activities on the Southwest Geysers Effluent Pipeline. The project plan is to use treated wastewater effluent for injection as a means of increasing the recovery of energy from The Geysers geothermal field. The Federal Domestic Catalog Number is 81.087.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen M. Stallman, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563, (208) 526-7038.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for the proposed award is the Geothermal Energy Research, Development & Demonstration Act (Pub. L. 93-410); the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91); and the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Bill of 1993 (Pub. L. 102-377). The proposal meets the criteria for "non-competitive" financial assistance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 600.7(b)(2)(i)(C). The applicant represents a unit of government and the activity to be supported is related to the performance of a government function within the subject jurisdiction. The County of Lake is the leader of this project and is the appropriate agency, since they will be the owner and operator of the pipeline carrying the effluent from the county wastewater treatment plant to The Geysers. The anticipated period to complete the award is eighteen (18) months. The Office of Utility Technologies has provided \$1,800,000 to the DOE, Idaho Operations Office for support of this project. This grant would augment the County's funds associated with this project. The total estimated cost of this project is \$30,000,000.

**R. Jeffrey Hoyles,**

*Director, Procurement Services Division.*

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### Refractory Containment Research, Development and Demonstration

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for Financial Assistance: Refractory Containment Research, Development and Demonstration.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID), is seeking applications for cost-shared research, development and demonstration (field testing) of new refractories in state-of-the-art high temperature furnaces and molten material handling equipment to assist end-use industry sectors to remain competitive, and reduce energy consumption and environmental impacts. The research is to be directed toward those refractories used by the aluminum, glass, iron or steel industries. Applications shall include a demonstration (field test) in an end-use facility. A minimum 50% non-DOE cost-share is required. This is the complete solicitation document.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:00 p.m. MDT, August 17, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications shall be submitted to: B. G. Bauer, Contracting Officer; Procurement Services Division; U. S. Department of Energy; Idaho Operations Office; P.O. Box 52280; Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405-2280. [NUMBER DE-PS07-95ID13375]

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Walker, Contract Specialist, Telephone (208) 526-5906, Facsimile (208) 526-5548.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

Projects sponsored by the DOE Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) are based on the needs and concerns of industry. The program advances technology to the point of commercialization. Historically, activities have focused on industrial competitiveness, the development of energy efficient, environmentally benign technology and equipment. As part of this program, this solicitation for DOE financial assistance applications is being issued. This solicitation is in accordance with Public Law 93-577, the Federal Non-nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974.

##### B. Project Description

DOE anticipates awarding one or more Cooperative Agreements in accordance with DOE Financial Assistance regulations appearing at Title